



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

May 2012 Newsletter

Soup Kitchen Wednesday, May 9



Community Christian Church is fortunate enough to be able to serve meals through the Holy Family Soup Kitchen on the second Wednesday of each month. This privilege is very fulfilling. Community Social Services serves over 3,000 meals each month and we are a part of this meaningful outreach mission.

Carpools leave the church at 4pm SHARP, so arrive at 3:50pm if you would like to go and serve. You will arrive back at the church no later than 7:30pm. Youth must be at least 11 years old and will earn 1.5 service hours. Friends are always welcome.

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Appreciate Your Choir!

On May 20 we will celebrate the grand efforts of our choir at the 10am service. They have worked hard to provide such wonderful music for us all year! After May 20, they will take a much-deserved hiatus during the summer. Won't you join us in letting them know how great they are?



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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Attention Graduates!

We would like to hear from you - or a family member to confirm that you are graduating. Then save the date to show up in church on June 10 when we can congratulate you in person!

SAVE THESE DATES

June 16
*Outing to Feed My
Starving Children*

July 7-13
CCC Mission Trip

September 29
Garage Sale

Bryan's Bits

Dear Friends,

We have now been together one year! During this past year my goal has been to get to know you and let you get to know me. Teresa and I have enjoyed many meals with you. We have celebrated many firsts in our time together this past year. It has been wonderful and a blessing beyond words. I want you to know that I brag on you often and share this church with everyone I meet. And when people visit our church they go away feeling cared for and welcomed. That is a wonderful thing. I believe that most churches want to be known as friendly, or think of themselves as friendly, but it is a blessing when others think of us as friendly and are blessed by their time with us.

I also strived this past year to start Bible Studies and we have two that have been meeting during the past year. There was a woman's Bible study that was started this past year and many have attended these Bible studies and have been blessed. We have started an adult Sunday School class. I have participated in a mission trip with the youth. I feel blessed to have been involved in hiring two Youth Ministers as Associates and have seen them grow our youth group through relationship both with them and with the church that are centered on Christ. Adam and Randi are doing a great job with our youth and if your young people are not participating I believe they are missing out on a fantastic experience with these great pastors.

We have seen the finances do very well and have seen attendance increase. We have had many visitors and several have stayed and continued to be blessed by their time with us. We have added to our Stephen Ministry team three trained ministers for the purpose of

caring. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people involved in such vital ministry.

With that in mind, I look to the coming years and where our journey together will take us . . . I would like to see deeper relationships through more fellowship and study times. I would like to see our attendance in worship increase by 15% this coming year by more regular attendance from members as well as by visitors. I see worship as vital to our lives, without it we lose focus and hope can fade. In our busy schedules it is difficult to carve out time, but I challenge you to do so in the coming year and I have faith that you will.

I cannot say enough how much your love and caring hearts have blessed Teresa and myself. Words often fail us when we talk with friends and family about what each and every one of you mean to us, but our tears of joy speak volumes! I can only say that it is a privilege to serve as your pastor and that the coming year with you is one that I embrace with great excitement! To start this new year of service it will be my pleasure to greet 8 young people into our church as well as their families. On May 6, 2012, as a congregation we will bring into the faith some young people and experience their affirmation of faith and the joy of baptism with some of them as well. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful and blessed event as there is very few things in life more exciting than hearing people accept Christ as Lord and Savior!! See you Sunday and especially see you Sunday, May 6!!!

With Love,

Bryan

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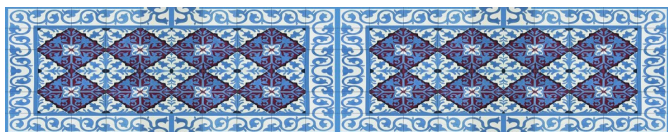
Please contact the ministers
any time you feel it's necessary.

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CCC Dates to Look Forward to...

- May 5 Men's Breakfast
- Spring Work Day, 9am
- May 6 Ministries Council Meeting
- Confirmation Sunday
- May 12 + Dinner at Church
- Women's Coffee Break
- May 20 Choir Appreciation
- General Board Meeting
- June 3 Teacher Appreciation
- June 10 Celebrating Graduates
- Youth Group Celebration
- June 16 Feed My Starving Children
- July 8-13 Mission Trip
- September 29 Garage Sale
- October 6 Feed My Starving Children



Ongoing Events

- Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
- Adult Sunday School - Sundays, 9-9:30am
- Children's Time - Sundays, 9-9:30am
- Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am
- Sermon in the Round - Tuesdays, 10am
- Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
- Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
- Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
- Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am
- The Well Book Group - 4th Saturday, 9:15am

Keep up with CCC events on the website. Go to the Upcoming Events page on our website:
www.CCCLincolnshire.org



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Community Christian Church
 Lincolnshire, Illinois

Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate



Don't miss the May Women's coffee on Saturday, the 12th! We start at 8am at Einstein's on Milwaukee. It is free flowing - we come and go when we need to. This is such a great time to sit down, relax, and get to know one another better. Mark your calendars now before things get too busy. Come share some coffee and some laughs to start your day off right!

There is a summer day retreat in the works for the women. Susan is looking for contributors to make this day a worthwhile investment of time and energy for us all.

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please contact the church office.



The next monthly CCC men's breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 5, from 8-9am in Thompson Hall. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

CCC Spring Workday

Saturday, May 5

Mark your calendar: Saturday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. until noon is our annual Spring workday.

Our primary task will be to spread 12 yards of mulch on the berm on the south and west sides of the Sanctuary building. This berm is where we replanted all the bushes two years ago. The mulch helps control weeds and erosion.

We need you to bring wheel barrows, scoop shovels, garden rakes, push brooms, work gloves - and of course your energy and desire to improve the appearance of our church. This is a great project in which our youth can participate.

If working in the dirt isn't your thing, we also will be washing windows and doing some inside cleaning.

Work will end promptly at noon when we will enjoy a well deserved lunch. All hands are needed; it will be good fellowship and rewarding work.



Children's Sunday School

May Rotation Lesson Plan "Paul on the Road"



Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School is "In the Bag". Please consider spending a Sunday with our CCC children. It is fun and easy, all the lessons are ready for you to pick up in the Story Room in a dated bag, filled with every thing you need to teach a lesson. Video Sundays are a breeze, even the snacks will be provided. Contact the church office if you have any questions. Sign- up is on the Christian Education Board in Friendship Hall.



Sunday School Teacher Appreciation is June 3

Please come to church if you have taught Sunday School
AND come to celebrate those who have given their time so generously this year

DON'T FORGET!! CCC's Annual Garage Sale 9/29/12

Circle it in **RED** on your calendar!

Don't be caught holding the
bag.....give it to us
and we'll sell it!!



(along with anything else you don't need!)

**All proceeds will help CCC
continue to do what it does so well.**

(limited storage available)

Many thanks to everyone who made
the Easter Egg Hunt such a magical day!
We surely showed
how loving, caring
and **FUN** our
church is! Thank
you to everyone - it
was very fabulous!



Our sanctuary was so beautiful,
thanks to all of you who
purchased Easter lilies to
remember and honor those you
love. Thank you very much!

The General Operating Budget data for March 2012 is as follows:	
March income	\$18,234
March expenses	\$20,247
YTD income	\$54,334
YTD expenses	\$61,124

Raffle-Mania - CCC Was the Big Winner!

The goal of CCC's Spring Fund Raiser was \$9,000 - and the net proceeds were \$9,700! Many thanks to those who supported the fund raiser by purchasing raffle tickets or underwriting the cost of prizes!! Even if you didn't win a prize, you were part of making CCC the winner!

The co-chairs of the Spring Fund Raiser were Nancy, Ginny and Perry with assistance from Jim, Fred, Kim and Judy. The raffle boxes were made by Jim and Perry

We extend a very special appreciation to six families who donated the major prizes for the raffle.

Henry	Char and Joe
Bev and Hap	Lucia and Dave
Alice and Rich	Phyllis and Jim

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes!

\$50 Restaurant Gift Cards

Lettuce Entertain You	Phyllis and Jim
Simon Lin's	Gail and Lee
Philly G's	Andrea
Grill # 43	Linda
Opa!	Chris and Kevin
Dinner for 8	Phyllis and Jim
Dinner for 6	Andrea
Galena Weekend Get-a-Way	Nancy and Ron
Week in Door County	Nancy and Ron
Golf for 3 at Conway Farms Club	Jeff and Nina
Golf for 3 at Ivanho Country Club	Paul and Ada
The New iPad	Vicki & Kerry
\$1,000 cash	Judy



Thanks to donors of the dinner table center pieces and congratulations to winners.

Pip's Tea Basket	Nancy and Ron
Diane & Eds Pet Basket	Andrea
Diane & Ed's Wine Basket	Jayne and Jeff
Leslie's BBQ Basket	Susan and Sean
Sue's Seafood Gourmet Basket	Lynn and Rich
Nancy's Gardening Basket	Sue and Tom
Kerry & Vicki's Pet Basket	Jayne and Jeff
Kevin & Faith's Pasta Basket	Bev and Hap
Bev and Brendas Wine Basket	Pip and Ted
Dave & Lucia's and Scout Troop 78's Bird House Basket	Pip and Ted
Joe & Char's Pamper Basket	Jayne and Jeff
Jan & Kelley's Gourmet Basket	Jayne and Jeff



Because we separated the efforts of the Spring Fund Raiser and the Birthday Dinner, both jobs were easier. Also, Ginny reports that Raffle-Mania required much less time and work than the auction that has been our traditional spring fund raiser. The proceeds were less than the auction, but no one is burned out this year!

Work on next year's spring fund raiser will start early January and culminate on February 23, 2013. If you would like to help with that project, contact Nancy or Perry.

Beautiful Baskets

We all had a wonderful time at the church birthday dinner on April 15th. The BBQ was great and the decorations and entertainment were outstanding as well.

On each table was a beautiful basket designed and donated by some very clever and creative people.



There was a basket with a handmade birdhouse in the form of a church, and bird seed donated by Troop 78 and Lucia. A lovely tea basket, complete with a teapot was donated by

Pip. There was a wonderful wine basket and a handmade pet pillow, with cat treats and toys donated by Diane. Leslie created a BBQ basket with tortilla chips, hot sauces and a six pack of designer beer. For garden lovers there was an indoor gardening basket designed by Nancy, complete with small gardening tools, gloves, bulbs, plant food, hand cream, a lovely plant, and many other goodies. To pamper body and soul, Char provided a number of items designed to soothe, soften, and relax after a busy day. Vicki created a charming pet basket filled with food bowls, treats, and other items to delight your favorite puppy.

For gourmet food lovers there were several choices filled with tasty treats. Sue donated a wonderful seafood basket complete with a gift certificate. Faith donated a basket filled with Italian foods and Perugina chocolate. Kelley donated a basket filled with many delicious foods, each contained in a decorative box.

To quench the thirst Beverly and Brenda provided a Texas style wine cooler filled with a variety of wine.

At the end of the dinner each basket was raffled off to a lucky winner. Thank you to each of you wonderful creative people who put these baskets together. They made delightful centerpieces and were very much appreciated by the winners.

Pictures from the event
are on
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HAPPY TRAILS - TO YOU - UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN...

Thanks to all who participated in our CCC Birthday Western Dinner!!! We hope it was warm, tasty and wonderful for all of you, all "59".

A SPECIAL THANKS to Brian Wismer who entertained us to the max with his Team Challenge/Game Show. FUN for ALL!

The western theme was well received by many people. Of course, you can't please ALL the people ALL of the time.....so for those who would like to see something else, HERE'S YOUR opportunity.

Next year.....so that we can have it on a Saturday night at White Deer Run we're moving it to.....ARE YOU READY??? Get out your calendars. :)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

ANYONE who would like a say, PLEASE VOTE for one of the following themes.....

❖ Western Round-up (again)

❖ NO theme- just casual

❖ NO theme- dressy

❖ 50s theme

❖ Hawaiian theme

❖ Cruise wear- (most anything!)

❖ Beach

❖ Winter Blues

❖ Valentine party



Just think! With few people even reading this no less voting - 2 or 3 votes could choose the theme! Respond to the church office.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

...til we meet again.



Thank You!!

Thank you to those who served at the Soup Kitchen in April:

Nina
Char
Ruby, Emily & Judy
Natalie
Natalie
Jim
Lynn
Borchueh & Ping

Thank you to those who served treats at Fellowship Hour in January.

Thank you to Teresa for leading the Sunday School class on Sunday and also the Women's Book Group.

Thank you to Jim for the new tarp for the woodpile.

A very BIG and special thank you from Bryan and Teresa to everyone who helped with their move - "We have a wonderful church family!"

Dear Community Church Friends...

Recent months have been very challenging to Ann and to me. Recovery from my cervical spinal cord surgery January 24 is going well. A major reason for our good care and progress is due to the beautiful cards, wonderful gifts, phone calls, and visits from our church family.

It is hard to express just how much all of this has meant and continues to mean to us. Undoubtedly, we have not adequately thanked you all.

Our church family is more than special. It is an exceptional group of devoted Christian persons who let the light of Christ shine through their lives.

In Christ's love,
Nelson and Ann

Happy Birthday!

Steve	3
Ann	3
Matt	7
Kathy	7
Emelia	11
Sarah	11
Grant	13
Charlie	16
Sarah	17
Tom	19
Gale	21
Chris	27
Avery	28
Kim	29
Steve	29
Libby	29
Blake	30
Jeff	30
Russell	31
Hap	31



Happy Anniversary!

Kerry and Vicki	9
Kevin and Chris	23
Ron and Nancy	25
Xiaomao and Ping	27

CCC Youth Page

ALIVE!

5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS

CCC YOUTH VISION STATEMENT

TO GATHER AS FRIENDS IN A FUN, SAFE ENVIRONMENT
TO SHARE STORIES AND LEARN HOW
TO CENTER OUR LIVES ON CHRIST.

CCC YOUTH MISSION STATEMENT

FINDING OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

LAUGHING IN ORDER TO LOVE AND TO BE POSITIVE

ARTISTICALLY EXPRESSING OURSELVES THROUGH PRAISE

READING THE BIBLE TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL

PRAYING FOR OUR WELL-BEING AND FOR OTHERS



REVIVE!

9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS

Special Guests

Save the date and plan on attending church on July 1 to see past youth minister, Michael and his wife Rebecca. They will be in town visiting and will join us to worship.

Mission Trip

July 7 - 13, 2012



15 people from our church will be embarking on a 5-day mission trip that will immerse CCC kids in the life-changing experience of serving. Throughout the week, our youth will be continually serving others: both people in the local community, and one another. In one week, our youth will begin to understand what Jesus meant when He said -

"I came not to be served but to serve..."

Matthew 20:28

Last year, our congregation was able to fund the trip and travel expenses for everyone. We would like to do the same this year. So far the youth have raised about half of what they need - thank you for being so generous!! In the coming months you will see the youth selling baked goods at Fellowship Coffee hour on May 20 and our "Stock Sales" will be during May and June. Watch your emails for an opportunity to give online by using PayPal...so exciting! If you have any questions about the Mission Trip, please contact Adam or Pip.

May Schedule

MAY 6	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP - BULLHORN + STOCK SALE
MAY 13		MOTHER'S DAY - NO YOUTH GROUP
MAY 20	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP - LUMP + BAKE SALE + STOCK SALE
MAY 27		MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - NO YOUTH GROUP
JUNE 3	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP - RHYTHM + STOCK SALE
JUNE 10	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP CELEBRATION
JUNE 16	2-4PM	FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Directory Changes

The new directories will be produced in June, after the new slate of leaders has been approved. Many photos are outdated, so please send an updated photo - especially those with children in them in .jpg format to the church office. Thank you!

New Addresses to Update:

Jim & Phyllis

Roger & Judy

Pat

Bryan & Teresa

Jeff, Susan & Drew

Hello, All!

As most of you know, we have recently moved into a new house - and we hope this is the LAST move for a very, VERY long time!

We are one of those families that still have a home phone (yes, a "land line") as well, but use it rarely. Jeff and I use our cell phones for just about everything.

Drew has settled into our new digs quite well, and just in time for his world to be rocked once again in June! Baby Girl is due June 20, so we are scrambling to finish unpacking and to set-up the nursery.

We hope you are all doing well and enjoying the spring! For those of you out-of-towners, let us know if you're planning to visit the Columbus area - we'd love to host you.

Sincerely,
Susan, Jeff & Drew



*Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor.
~ Proverbs 22:9*

CCC members, friends and families are invited to join a food-packing event at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and they ship the meals to nearly 70 countries around the world.

We'll meet at church at 12:30pm to caravan to Schaumburg and stop for dinner on the way home, arriving back at church by 6 or 6:30pm. Event details are as follows:

Group Name:	Community Christian Church
Group Code:	211391
Group Size:	30
Site:	Schaumburg, IL
Date:	Sat, June 16, 2012
Time:	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

To join the group, contact the church office, or go to:

<http://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=211391>

To find out more about the organization, go to FMSC.org

If you have questions about the food packing event, please contact the church office at Office@CCCLincolnshire.org or 847 945-8824.





Easter Egg Hunt



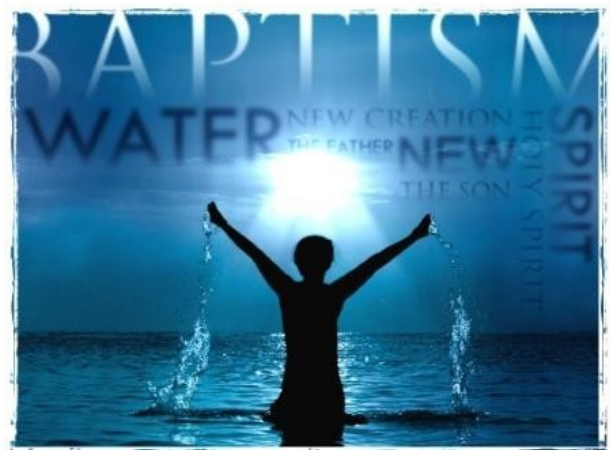
CCC Invites You to Celebrate Our Pastor's Class Students On May 6 at 5:30pm

It is one of the most glorious days at CCC! Those who choose confirmation, will be recognized during the 10am worship service and for those who choose baptism, a baptismal worship service will be held at the Christian Church of Arlington Heights, followed by a meal back at church. We invite the whole church to celebrate this important day together!

Date: Sunday, May 6
Time: 5:30pm, dinner to follow at CCC meet in CCC's parking lot at 5pm, if you'd like to carpool/caravan
Location: Christian Church of Arlington Hts.
 333 West Thomas Street
 847 259-0059
RSVP: to the church office:
CCCLincolnshire@comcast.net

Congratulations to the following students! You have made a choice to grow spiritually with your Pastor and we will pray for your journey in becoming closer with Christ.

Grace
 Alex
 Brett
 Grant
 Charlie
 Borler
 Anna
 Ellen



Birthday Dinner

April 15, 2012
White Deer Run



Thank you, Nancy for the wonderful photographs!!

Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added. You may also submit a name to the long term prayer list by writing the name on a cross and posting it on the prayer board in Friendship Hall.

Alexander & Evan	Kara
Andrew & Whitney	Kathleen
Ann	Kay
Bettye & family	Keith
Brent	Kenlay
Chris	Kristen
Danielle & Danny	Lesli, Bunny & Burt
Emma	Lin
Family and Friends of Naomi	Lorri
Family of Blair	Matthew
Family of Bodil	National & World Leaders
Family of Don	Nelson
Family of Gig	Nicholas & family
Family of Jay	Nikki
Family of Josh	Our Stephen Ministry
Family of Kris	Our Troops
Family of Linda	Pat
Family of Mary	Patrice
Family of Nancy	Sam & family
Family of Reba	Sean
Florence	Sheila & Jimmy
Gaby & family	Stephanie
George	Toby
Howard & Eleanore	Tom
Ingrid	Tracey
Jackson	Wayne
Jeannine	
Jenny & family	
Jerry	
Jill, Adam & Randi	

Pray

Short Term Prayer List

Please note -

a slightly different procedure

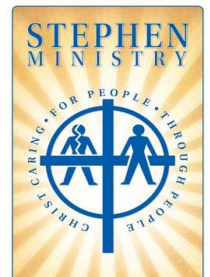
Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for six consecutive weeks, after which, they will be either be taken off the list, or moved to the long term prayer list. Contact the church office to resubmit the name, if needed and it will gladly be added.

Bill
Family of Mack
Family of Marla
Gabby
Jeremy
Kay Van
Nancy & her mother & her son
Sandy
Sherry

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

So Who's Your BFF?

Don't you just love the changes texting and twitting have brought to our way of communicating? They make most of us LOL!!!! But for just a moment, pause and think of your very best friend forever----do you remember how important that question was when you were a child? Seems that in third grade that answer was vital!!!! Time moves on and so do many friendships - years and geography re great enemies of relationships.



However, there is one BFF who many of us met as children who never moves away and time cannot change - yes - our Heavenly Father. If you haven't been "in touch" with your BFF lately, our Stephen Ministers would be happy to help you re-connect.

Please Call the church office to make the arrangements.

MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 7p Commissioners	2 ■ 7p Choir Practice	3	4	5 ■ 8a Men's Breakfast ■ 9a Spring Work Day ■ 9a Elders' Retreat
6 ■ Stock Sale ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult SS ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:15a Ministries Council ■ 11:30a YG ■ 5:30p Baptism at AHCC ■ 6:30p Dinner at Church	7 ■ 7p Troop 78	8 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round	9 ■ 4p Soup Kitchen ■ 7p Choir Practice	10	11	12 ■ 8a Women's Coffee Break
13 ■ Stock Sale ■ Mother's Day ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult SS ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a YG	14 ■ 7p Troop 78	15 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round ■ 7p Pack 78	16 ■ 7p Choir Practice	17	18	19
20 Choir Appreciation ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult SS ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:15a Gen Board ■ 11:30a YG - Bake Sale	21 ■ 7p Troop 78	22 ■ 10a Sermon in the Round	23 ■ 7p Choir Practice	24	25	26 ■ 9:15a Women's Book Group
27 Pentecost ■ 8a Worship ■ 9a Adult SS ■ 10a Worship	28 ■ No School Memorial Day	29	30	31		